(b) if so, the States where such tribals would be benefited; and

(c) the details of the amount allocated under this scheme, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH): (a) to (c) The Government is not considering any scheme specifically to grant benefit of rehabilitation package to the tribal people in the forest regions of various States. However, the National Policy on Resettlement and Rehabilitation for Project Affected Families—2003 notified by the Ministry of Rural Development on 17.2.2004 is applicable throughout the country and in case of displacement envisages the resettlement and rehabilitation of affected families, including tribal people in the forest regions of various States.

Recognition to traditional rights of forest dwelling tribes

3367. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to give legal recognition to the traditional rights of the forest dwelling tribes and to provide long term incetives to the tribal population to conserve forest;

(b) if so, the details of the steps taken to implement the above proposal as on date, State-wise;

(c) the number of such forest dwelling tribes who have been benefited or to be benefited as a result thereof as on date, State-wise; and

(d) the details of the legal recognition given to the traditional rights of the tribes during the last three years, year-wise, State-wise and category-wise?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. R. KYNDIAH) : (a) to (b) Yes, Sir. The Ministry of Tribal Affairs has been mandated to formulate a Scheduled Tribes (Recognition of Forest Rights) Bill to redress the historical injustice done to tribal communities and for clear assertion of their legal forest rights. The matter has been processed as per the procedure laid down for the purpose.

(c) The number of forest dwelling tribes who may be benefited as a result of the proposed Bill cannot be indicated at this stage.

(d) The traditional rights of the tribal people have not been given any legal recognition during the last three years.

Post-matric scholarship to ST student

3368. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the status of the proposal submitted by the Government of Karnataka for sanction of the post-matric scholarship to the ST students with 100 per cent Central share; and

(b) by when the funds are likely to be released to the State Government?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH) : (a) and (b) The State Government of Karnataka had submitted a proposal during the last financial year for release of grants-in-aid for the year 2004-05. The total admissible 100% Central Share over and above the committed liability of the State Govt. of Karnataka for the year 2004-05 was Rs. 1306.71 lakh (including the arrears of the year 2003-04). An amount of Rs. 400.00 lakh was released on 17th February, 2005 and balance amount of Rs. 906.71 lakh has been released on 13th April, 2005.

Employment to tribal people

3369. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have any proposal to provide meaningful employment to the tribal people to wean them away from the distillation of illicit liquor; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. R. KYNDIAH) : (a) and (b) There is no specific proposal. However, the Ministry provides grants to the State Governments under Special Central Assistance (SCA) to Tribal Sub-Plan for employment-cum-income generation activities and the